

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the state's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of over 13,650 females in North Carolina each year; and

WHEREAS, each year of the females who die in North Carolina, 9,344 die from heart disease as compared to 9,180 men and about 1,400 more females than males die from a stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the estimated direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the US is estimated at \$403.1 billion; and

WHEREAS more women in North Carolina die of cardiovascular disease than the next six leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

WHEREAS, only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness of heart disease—the leading cause of death for women—and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2006, as "**WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousand of lives each year.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.